

## House Resolution No. 4376

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to improving the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods by providing much-needed and much-appreciated public safety services; and

**Whereas**, the Augusta Community Volunteer Fire Department has attained considerable distinction since its establishment as the Volunteer Fire Company of Augusta in November 1904 with two temporary officers and a five-person committee charged with developing a constitution and by-laws; and

**Whereas**, on December 4, 1904, twenty-nine founding members signed the organization's constitution and selected persons to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of administrative officers, a Captain, a Hook and Ladder Truck Captain, a Lieutenant, three nozzle men, two hose men, and a plug man; and

**Whereas**, the Augusta Community Volunteer Fire Department underwent several reorganizations and name changes during its history, including a September 1928 reorganization as the Augusta Volunteer Fire Company, a March 1942 organization as the Augusta Community Fire Company, and the March 1992 switch to its current name and constitution; and

**Whereas**, the Augusta Community Volunteer Fire Department constructed the basement and bay areas of Station 1 in Augusta in 1943, purchased a resuscitator in 1952, bought its first-and-only new fire truck in 1954, joined the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri in 1955, built Station 2 in Defiance in 1985, and enlarged Station 2 to hold a tanker in 2002; and

**Whereas**, other notable attainments by Augusta Community Volunteer Fire Department include the April 1999 joining of Amy Newhouse Freeman as the organization's first female fire fighter, Clare Struckhoff's graduation from Saint Charles County Fire Academy in 2003, John Freeman's graduation as the top cadet from the Saint Charles County Fire Academy in 2004, and the recognition of Dave Konys for lifesaving efforts in 2004; and

**Whereas**, the thirty current members of the Augusta Community Volunteer Fire Department have donated between five months and forty-five years of volunteer service for a combined total of 492 years of experience:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant achievements garnered down through the years by the Augusta Community Volunteer Fire Department and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations as they observe the Centennial Anniversary of their public safety institution; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Augusta Community Volunteer Fire Department.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Kevin Threlkeld  
District No. 109

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4376, adopted October 27, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker